

Fair tonight and warmer  
Monday.

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## CAR STRIKES MAN; INSTANTLY KILLED

M. Fitzgerald, Ballston Resident, Maimed Beyond Recognition by Trolley.

## ACCIDENTAL DEATH VERDICT OF JURY

Victim Was Bound for Home With Basket of Christmas Provisions.

Returning from Washington with a basket of Christmas provisions, M. Fitzgerald, a prominent citizen of Ballston, Va., was struck by a car of the Great Falls line just below Cherrydale early this morning and instantly killed. His left arm was torn from his body and lay several feet away from it when found, while the body was almost completely severed. The head was so badly bruised and cut that no features by which he could be identified remained.

Motorman Downs, in charge of the car which struck Fitzgerald, had frantically applied the air brakes, when the form of a man suddenly loomed from the darkness only twenty feet in front of him, but the distance was too close in which to stop the car at the high speed it was going.

Gather Mangled Limbs.  
Ten feet from where Fitzgerald's body lay his arm was picked up and five feet further from his arm the shoe from his right foot was discovered in the middle of the track, almost unscathed. Near the mangled body the basket was found, upturned, its provisions scattered in every direction along the side of the track. The victim's hat lay further away from his body than any other portion of his wearing apparel.

The accident occurred within 200 yards of the residence of Coroner Ashton and, before the life had been extinct in Fitzgerald's body thirty minutes, an inquest was being conducted on the scene. A jury was impaneled, and a verdict returned to the effect that Fitzgerald had come to his death through unavoidable causes, not due to any negligence on the part of the motorman.

Identified by Postal.  
Fitzgerald's identity was revealed through a postal card addressed to him, which was found in an inside pocket to his coat. As soon as his home was found to be at Ballston, word was at once sent to his wife, Mrs. Fitzgerald, who was sitting up waiting for her husband, as she had expected him to reach home about midnight. She knew that he had taken a basket to the city for the purpose of returning with the Christmas groceries, and recognized the victim to be her husband, when the details of the unfortunate affair were told her by the messenger.

Just why Fitzgerald did not get out of the way of the car will probably never be known, although the suicide idea is discarded.

Another Narrow Escape.  
At the inquest the motorman of the last eastbound car, which passed Cherrydale before the accident, testified that he had barely escaped running over a man near Dominion. Although Fitzgerald's body was so badly mangled that it was almost impossible to identify it, the motorman gave it as his belief that it was that of the same person he had barely missed striking with his own car a few hours earlier.

After the coroner's jury had rendered its verdict, Fitzgerald's remains were taken to Clement's undertaking establishment in Georgetown. Mrs. Fitzgerald is prostrated and was unable to leave her home last night. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made. Fitzgerald is fifty years old and has lived a great many years at Ballston, where he has conducted a harness business. He is survived only by his wife.

## WEDDING DAY SET BY WESTINGHOUSE

Postponed to January 9 on Account of Illness of Prospective Groom.

LENOX, Mass., Dec. 20.—It was announced at the Westinghouse mansion today that the date of the wedding of George Westinghouse, Jr., to Miss Violet Brocklebank, of London, England, would take place on January 9. The wedding was postponed from December 20 on account of the illness of young Westinghouse, who was unable to make a voyage to England, where the couple will be united in marriage.

## WEATHER REPORT.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

The indications are for continued moderate temperatures in all sections, although a fall in temperature will occur in the north Atlantic coast States tonight. It will rise again, however, Monday.

Aside from local rains in the Gulf States and snow flurries along the Northern frontier from the Great Lakes eastward, fair weather will continue general.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
District of Columbia—Fair tonight and Monday; minimum temperature, 32; tomorrow—High, 35; low, 25; Tuesday—High, 35; low, 25; Wednesday—High, 35; low, 25; Thursday—High, 35; low, 25; Friday—High, 35; low, 25; Saturday—High, 35; low, 25; Sunday—High, 35; low, 25.

TEMPERATURE.

SUN TABLE.

TIDE TABLE.

## CHARLES P. TAFT FLAYS AN EDITOR

Starts Ananias Club With Cochran as Charter Member.

## USES TIMES-STAR TO DO THE ACT

Brother of President-Elect Shows That He Can Use Strong Terms.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Like President Roosevelt, Charles P. Taft today organized an Ananias club of his own. He makes Negy D. Cochran, of Toledo, managing editor of the Toledo News-Bee, his charter member and places the News-Bee in a class with the papers denounced by President Roosevelt.

The occasion for the formation of Taft's Ananias club was the special dispatch from Negy D. Cochran, from Columbus, to his paper yesterday which referred to the Ohio senatorial contest as a "bottle of bosses, hoodlums, and patronage against brains, patriotism, and statesmanship."

In response to a telegram from the Toledo Times, Charles P. Taft, candidate for the United States Senate, denounces Cochran and the News-Bee and other Scripps newspapers of Ohio. The statement in full follows:

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 19.—Editor Times, Toledo, Ohio, Mr. Taft directs the following to be sent you in reply to your telegram: The irresponsible charges published in the News-Bee, are charges

of a "bottle of bosses, hoodlums, and patronage against brains, patriotism, and statesmanship."

Robbed and Slain;  
Body Under Bridge

Harrison Barbey, Former Banker, Is Victim of Murdering Thugs.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 20.—Harrison Barbey, a prominent citizen of Cameron, is believed to have been the victim of thugs at Glenn's Run late last night. His dead body was found in the creek under a bridge north of Wheeling early this morning, with his pockets turned inside out.

There was nothing on him by which identification could be made, but he was afterward identified by his son-in-law at a morgue. He was formerly a banker, and had recently been at the head of an insurance company. He had been at Martins Ferry, opposite Wheeling, and was believed to have been on his way to Wheeling when he was overpowered and his body thrown from the bridge.

## WILLIAM, HARD UP, SELLS HIS CASTLES

German Paper Says Hebrew Financiers Buy Five for \$5,000,000.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Emperor William has sold five of his castles, the Volks Zeitung says today, to a group of Hebrew financiers, who paid \$5,000,000 for the royal properties.

While not giving the names of the castles disposed of, the Volks Zeitung says the properties brought a good price. The purchasers, however, are believed to have driven a good bargain, as the castles, if put in mart, would have brought out spirited bidding, being the former residences of the emperors.

The castles were sold in pursuance of the Kaiser's recently expressed determination to retrench in all his personal expenses, as his income of \$10,000,000 has proved inadequate to meet his lavish expenditures, much of which is spent in patronizing the arts and sciences.

## DEATH THREATENS MATHUES AND SON

Former State Treasurer Under Prison Sentence for Grafting May Not Recover.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 20.—While former State Treasurer William L. Mathues, under sentence of two years in the penitentiary for capital grafting, is lying at his home in Media seriously ill, his youngest son, Thomas J. Clayton Mathues, eleven years old, is slowly dying from an affection of the heart.

Mr. Mathues is in a critical condition from shock and nervous collapse, in addition to pneumonia, and it is thought he may die.

Small's Flowers for Christmas.  
11th and G sts., Washington; Waldorf-Astoria and 1153 Broadway, New York.—Adv.

## CHARLIE TAFT IS ALSO ABLE TO HURL WORDS

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teristic of the scandalous campaign of malicious representation which has been inaugurated by the Scripps-McBee newspapers in Ohio, which under the guise of professed support of Mr. Burton's candidacy for the Senate have attacked Charles P. Taft as they attacked William H. Taft in the recent national campaign.

Emanating from such source the statements do not warrant reply. Mr. Taft has been in public life for over a quarter of a century and his record is familiar to the people of Ohio and his home city, who have many times attested their approval and confidence at his polls. There is no likelihood that this opinion will be altered by reason of venomous and anonymous attacks which are limited entirely to Mr. Scripps' newspapers.

This is a fight to secure for Ohio a Republican member of the United States Senate who will aid and uphold the Ohio President, who will enter the White House March 4. For this reason the Democratic press is united against Mr. Taft.

JOSEPH GARRETTSON,  
Editor Times-Star.

Senator Foraker arrived in Columbus today and immediately established headquarters. Burton has also arrived, and Taft is expected early in the week, when the fight for Foraker's seat will begin in earnest.

## MISSING MAN BACK; HAS WANDERED FAR

Ohio Editor Stumbles Into Brother's Home After Strange Absence.

MASSILLON, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Dazed and in a semi-conscious condition, Edward Spidle, editor of the Strasburg Record, who mysteriously disappeared from his home December 10, and who since has been wandering aimlessly through Texas, Oklahoma and other Southwestern States, returned here early this morning and went to the home of his brother, William Spidle, where he rapped on the door and fell unconscious. He is now in a critical condition.

While rational most of the time, he is suffering from a nervous breakdown and can give only a meager description of his actions since his disappearance from home. According to his story, he left in a fit of temporary insanity.

## STEAMERS COME IN BATTERED BY GALES

Days Overdue, Canadian and Cambria Limp Into Port.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Her decks piled high with ice and her sturdy frame battered and buffeted by a week of incessant gales, the Leyland liner Canadian, six days overdue from Liverpool, was docked here late this forenoon. The pier was crowded with anxious friends and relatives, and cheer after cheer was given as the huge ship came slowly into the harbor.

Within an hour after her, the Leyland liner Cambria, which was four days overdue from the same port, was also docked.

Both captains had the same story to tell, constant battling with head winds and terrific storms, that prevented the ships from attempting anything but their fight with the elements. The thermometer was constantly at the zero point during the gale, and the tons of water which were washed across the decks, froze, preventing the crew from doing any deck work without endangering their lives.

The other overdue steamers are all expected to dock this afternoon or tomorrow, as the weather has abated, and they are believed to be making full time for port.

Now eight days overdue, the German freighter Belgavia, of the Hamburg-American line was this forenoon heard from through Captain Hiscoc, of Cambridge. Captain Hiscoc says that the Belgavia in a gale, laboring heavily against head winds, and short of coal over four days ago.

Signals Passed.  
Signals were passed between the two steamers, and Captain Hiscoc learned that the Belgavia was not only short of coal, but short of food, and that the crew and possibly the passengers would be put next day on short-supply rations.

The Belgavia is loaded with thousands of dollars' worth of Christmas toys, for which the Boston market is eagerly waiting.

Caught in a whirling storm off the coast of Newfoundland three days

## FLEET SET SAIL FOR TRIP TO SUEZ

Longest and Most Perilous Leg of World Cruise Is Begun.

## NEWS OF THE START CABLED BY SPERRY

Men and Ships Reported in Great Shape—Will Spend Christmas Abroad.

Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, commanding the American battleship fleet, today cabled the Navy Department news of the departure of the fleet today from Colombo, Ceylon, for Suez, at the mouth of the Suez canal. Admiral Pillsbury, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, received the message in cipher, and although the message was very brief and in the usual form, it held deep import for the sender and the receiver, as well as for the navy and the entire country.

The fleet has now begun the longest single leg of its world spanning cruise. This will be the crucial test, for not only is the present journey from port to port the longest ever undertaken, and one of the longest ever made by any fleet of warships, but the path of the gallant squadron lies across one of the most dangerous and hazardous strips of water in the oceans of the world.

In Fine Shape.

Even the journey across the Atlantic from Gibraltar to Hampton is not so long, nor perilous as the trip from Ceylon, through the Indian ocean, the Arabian, and the Red sea. According to all information coming to the Navy Department from the fleet, in official dispatches, ships and men are in fine shape and fully prepared for the journey upon which they started out today. They are all straining for the successful completion of what will become an historical cruise.

During this week, Christmas week, the fleet will be practically away from all communication with home and friends, and will be practically cut off from all civilization. The ships stores were, however, made up with a view to this contingency, and that the Jackies will make merry and celebrate in proper style, there can be no doubting. Some far-sighted wives and sweethearts, when they said goodbye at Hampton Roads, nearly a year ago, with sweet forethought, slipped into the hands of loved ones duty packages "not to be opened until Christmas." These will be the only presents on board, and with generous spirit, born of the close relations on ship board, these will be shared in to eat as well as in the wardrobe.

Due at Suez January 5.

The fleet is due to arrive at Suez on January 5, and all the holidays will be spent on the Indian Ocean and the Arabian sea. From Suez, the rest of the cruise will be practically easy. The vessels will proceed by easy stages through the canal and the Mediterranean, and will then swoop across the Atlantic home.

## TAFT RUNS INTO PROHIBITION FIGHT

Augusta Torn Asunder by State-Wide Anti-Liquor Law.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—President-elect Taft today attended service at about the only church in Augusta which was not engaged in scoring the city and State officials for their failure to enforce the far-famed prohibition law of Georgia.

He went to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the structure of which is more than 100 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Taft, with their two sons, Robert and Charles, were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Landon Thomas, at whose house they are guests.

Mr. Taft's first Sunday in Augusta finds the town in what might be called storm and stress, although the sun is shining and the weather is like a day in June.

"The trouble is," said an old Georgia gentleman to the President-elect after church, "the whiskey has no place in legislation, suh."

Nevertheless, members of the Evangelical Union composed of the Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, and Presbyterian ministers today preached sermons calling on the officials to enforce the law. Mr. Taft seemed greatly interested in the law and got a lot of information about it.

Evidence is had daily of the necessity for agitation for the law's enforcement. Not only is it entirely easy to get a drink, but there are items in the daily press quite frequently reading about as follows:

"In the police court today, Bill Jones was fined \$5 for being drunk and disorderly."

Tomorrow Mr. and Mrs. Taft will move into their house, the Terrett Cottage, adjoining the Bon Air Hotel. Mr. Taft said this morning he expected to have no callers on political subjects during Christmas week. Soon after that, however, he will ask Senator Knox to come to Augusta and discuss the Cabinet frame-up.

## CABINET QUILTS; KING MANUEL IN TROUBLE



YOUNG KING OF PORTUGAL.

Ministry of Young King Resigns, Precipitating a Situation Which, If Not Met Resolutely and Wisely, Is Sure to Result in Revolution.

LISBON, Dec. 20 (Via Badajoz).—The threatened cabinet crisis came this morning when Premier Ferreira de Amaral and the entire cabinet withdrew from office, precipitating a most grave situation on the boy king, Manuel.

Immediately upon receiving the resignation, King Manuel called his advisers into conference. Senor Castro and Senor Villena seem to have the call, though the probable return of former Premier Franco, who has been in exile since the assassination of King Carlos in February, may complicate matters.

The young monarch is today placed in a position where he must demonstrate exceptional qualities of strength and wisdom, or Portugal in a few days will be ablaze with strife. Revolutionary sentiment is raging, and on the boy king's choice of a new cabinet is depending the progress or the suppression of revolt.

The cabinet just resigned has failed to suppress the rebellious movement, and in fact, has not shown as much anxiety to check it as might have been expected.

If Franco is recalled to the head of the cabinet the most vigorous measures can be assured, but his recall might serve to fan the present flames and prove disastrous before he could bring his forces to bear. After the assassination of his father, King Manuel accepted the resignation of Premier Franco in an effort to bring about peace in Portugal.

Meanwhile all negotiations for the marriage of the boy king have been broken off. Those who have been trying to arrange an alliance between the king and some desirable royal family have met with flat refusal from those under consideration, on the ground that no royal family cares for an alliance with Portugal under the existing condition of unrest.

## ENGAGEMENT IS OFF, MAN DOESN'T SUIT

Millionaire Papa Not Impressed by Prospective Son-in-Law.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 20.—The engagement of Miss Helen Winton, daughter of the millionaire Cleveland automobile manufacturer, to George Ostram Reynolds, a prominent Pelham Manor (N.Y.) society man, has been called off, it was announced today.

Winton, pere, makes the announcement. The family makes no explanations.

Charles A. Mears, Winton's secretary, says only this:

"Mr. Reynolds does not appeal to Mr. Winton as a possible son-in-law, that is all."

## CHARLES C. RANDOLPH THROWN FROM HORSE

Charles C. Randolph, manager of the Securities Corporation, was swept from his horse by the low hanging limb of a tree in Rock Creek Park this morning, and is now in Garfield Hospital, unconscious, from a deep scalp wound, a fractured right arm and many bruises about the head and shoulders. His condition is serious, but the surgeons predict his recovery.

Accompanied by a friend, Mr. Randolph left his home, 25 T street north-west, shortly after 9 o'clock this morning for a ride in Rock Creek Park. Riding through the bridge path that follows the Pierce Mill road, the pair went as far as the old mill, when they turned to the left, intending to follow the path that winds up the hillside on the west side of Rock Creek.

Mr. Randolph was in front. About a hundred yards beyond the intersection of several roads at the old Pierce Mill the bridge path makes a sharp turn. The horses were galloping, and Mr.

## DOG SAVES MASTER FROM GREEDY FIRE

Awakens Him Just as the Flames Are Enveloping Store.

## WOMAN RESCUES SLEEPING FAMILY

Arouses Man in Time for Him to Carry His Invalid Mother to the Street.

With a faithful dog the hero of a double rescue on the ground floor of the burning building and a woman the heroine of another rescue on the floor above, three lives were almost miraculously saved as the flames devoured the grocery establishment of W. F. Cohen and his nephew, at 230 M street north-west, early this morning.

Their dog awakened the Cohens just in time to prevent their suffocation. Mrs. Laura Jenkins, housekeeper for Mrs. Edith V. Caruthers, an aged and crippled woman of seventy-seven years who occupied the flat above, saved the life of the latter and saw her borne to a place of safety across the street. All the persons escaped in their night clothes.

The Cohens, who occupied a room in the rear of their store, awoke to feel their dog, who had been locked in the store during the night, tugging at the bedclothes and barking frantically. Dazed for a moment by the blinding smoke and heat, the elder Cohen did not at first realize his danger. Then he staggered to the door, followed by the howling animal. The door was locked and the key missing. Without hesitating a second, Cohen dove head first through the plate glass window. He fell upon the sidewalk bleeding from cuts, but not dangerously hurt.

Nephew Is Rescued.

By this time the nephew, too, had dragged himself from the burning store. Cohen seized him and dragged him through the hole. The dog followed.

As confusion reigned below, Mrs. Jenkins awoke in the flat to find smoke pouring through a flue of the chimney leading to the basement. Occupying the flat was the aged Mrs. Caruthers, her son, R. J. Caruthers, and his two little girls. With thoughts of the helpless woman, Mrs. Jenkins ran screaming to her bedroom. Her awakening was followed by moments of heartrending hysteria as the housekeeper left her side to give the alarm to the other sleeping inmates.

Mr. Caruthers, confronted with the problem of rescuing an aged mother and his two little girls, darted first to the bedroom of the former and taking the wailing woman in his arms, made his way down the narrow stairway to the street.

In the meantime the little girls, Mary, aged twelve, and Helen, aged fourteen, slid down the porch banisters just as the flames began to greedily reach out.

Damage Near \$500.

After the arrival of the department the flames were soon put under control. The Cohens estimate the damage to their stock at a little more than \$500. The damage to the building, which is a small two-story affair, will be about the same amount.

It is thought the fire started in the basement, where several surplus cases of matches and other merchandise were stored.

Mrs. Caruthers is now at the home of John Rabbitt, 3333 M street, where she was carried after the rescue.

## VERDICT DOUBTFUL ON BRIDGE DISASTER

Jury Goes Over Evidence, But Is Thought to Be Hopelessly Divided.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Dec. 20.—Without much hope of reaching an agreement, the jury in the case of the Williamsport Bridge accident gathered again this afternoon, and is now engaged in going all over the evidence preparatory to taking another ballot.

The impression prevails this afternoon that the jury is hopelessly divided, and that in the jury room there will be repeated the fruitless balloting which continued all last evening.

The evidence indicates that the crash in which four were instantly killed and five injured, was due either to the breaking of a crane used to handle the steel girders or that the concrete pier had not been given sufficient time to settle.

## AFFAIRS PLANNED FOR VON MOLTKE

Danish Minister and Wife Will Spend the Holidays in Boston.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 20.—Countess von Moltke, with her husband, the Danish minister at Washington, are expected to arrive here tonight to spend the holidays with the countess' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, of 96 Bay State road.

Some time has passed since they have visited Boston. The countess once led the smart set. Many social functions have been arranged in their honor.

No Extra Fare to Chicago on "The Pennsylvania Limited." No extra fare is now charged from Washington or Baltimore to Chicago or points west of Alliance, O., on "The Pennsylvania Limited." The Pennsylvania Railroad's standard passenger train, "The Pennsylvania Limited," leaves Washington daily at 11:35 a. m. and arrives Chicago at 8:45 the next morning, connecting at Chicago with through trains to the West and Northwest.—Adv.